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SUBJ :RHODESIAN NATIONALIST' STATEMENT ON  
CEASEFIRE

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1. SOME CONFUSION HAS ARISEN OVER APPARENT CONTRADICTION  
BETWEEN STATEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH ON CEASEFIRE  
(REFTEL) AND THAT OF AFRICAN NATIONALIST LEADERS. WHILE  
SMITH SPOKE OF 'IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE' DECEMBER 12 STATEMENT  
OF NATIONALISTS SAID CEASEFIRE WOULD BE CALLED AS SOON AS  
DATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN FIXED.

2. SPEAKING IN SALISBURY DECEMBER 12, CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN  
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NATIONAL COUNCIL (ANC), BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA,IS REPORTED

BY CAPE TIMES AS SAYING 'THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN STATEMENTS.' MUZOREWA SAID AFRICAN STATEMENT WAS WRITTEN BEFORE SMITH BROADCAST AND THUS SEEMS CONTRADICTORY. RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REACTED MILDLY AND REFERRED TO SMITH'S STATEMENT THAT HE HAD 'RECEIVED ASSURANCES' FROM BLACK LEADERS. SPOKESMAN ADDED, 'FACTS WILL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.'

3. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF FULL STATEMENT ISSUED BY ANC COALITION, AS REPORTED BY CAPE AFRIKAANS PAPER DIE BURGER, AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: CONSIDERING THE PREDOMINANT NECESSITY OF UNITY IN THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IN ZIMBABWE, THE EXECUTIVES OF ZAPU, ZANU, FROLIZI, AND THE ANC MET IN LUSAKA TO DISCUSS AIMS, PURPOSES, AND METHODS. UNANIMITY WAS REACHED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

1. WE HAVE DECIDED TO IMMEDIATELY UNITE UNDER ONE ORGANIZATION, THE AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL.

2. WE WILL WORK FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF OUR COUNTRY. WE REALIZE THAT NO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION EXISTS AMONG RHODESIANS OF ALL RACES OVER THE DEMAND FOR INDEPENDENCE BUT UNTIL NOW THERE HAS BEEN A DIFFERENCE ABOUT THE KIND OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH ZIMBABWE MUST ENJOY. THE RHODESIAN FRONT IN THE PAST SOUGHT INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF MINORITY RULE. THIS WE REJECT. THE INDEPENDENCE FOR WHICH WE HAVE STRIVEN AND THE INDEPENDENCE FOR WHICH WE STILL STRIVE IS INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE.

3. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH OTHER INVOLVED PARTIES TO ACHIEVE OUR PURPOSE. NOW THAT SOME OF US HAVE BEEN FREED FROM DETENTION, WE BELIEVE THAT THE TIME IS RIPE TO RENEW THIS OFFER. WE ARE PREPARED, WITHOUT ANY PRE-CONDITIONS ON ANY SIDE, TO ENTER INTO IMMEDIATE AND SINCERE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE RHODESIAN FRONT AND WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN ENGLAND.

4. AS A TOKEN OF OUR SINCERITY, ALL FREEDOM FIGHTERS  
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WILL BE ORDERED TO STOP FIGHTING AS SOON AS A DATE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS IS FIXED.

5. WE ARE NOT RACISTS. WE RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF WHITE RHODESIANS TO LIVE IN RHODESIA AND TO SHARE THE SAME RIGHTS AND DUTIES AS THEIR FELLOW RHODESIANS OF THE MAJORITY COMMUNITY.

6. WE CALL ON ALL RHODESIANS AND ON ALL WHO LIVE IN RHODESIA TO REMAIN CALM, MAINTAIN THE PEACE AND CONTINUE WITH THEIR NORMAL ACTIVITIES WHILE THESE ISSUES ARE DISCUSSED.

7. WE CALL ON ALL THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE WHEREEVER THEY ARE, TO REMAIN UNITED BEHIND THE DEMAND FOR INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE, AND WE CALL ON THEM TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL.

8. WE CALL ON ALL OUR FRIENDS IN AFRICA AND OVERSEAS TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR STRUGGLE UNTIL INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE IS ACHIEVED. END TEXT.

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